

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Reconsideration and allowance are respectfully requested.

Of the remaining pending claims, claims 1-10, 12, and 13 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by U.S. Patent No. 5,771,038 to Wang (“Wang”), and claim 11 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Wang in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,842,169 to Griffin, et al. (“Griffin”). Applicants respectfully traverse these rejections in view of the amendments and remarks herein.

Claim 1 is amended only to incorporate the features of now-canceled dependent claim 7. As amended, claim 1 recites a pointing device comprising a selector having a first state and a second state, the pointing device configured to request the navigation software to move the navigation control in accordance with a first navigation mode or a second navigation mode depending upon the state of the selector, wherein in the first navigation mode the navigation control moves at a first sensitivity in accordance with a physical input, and in the second navigation mode the navigation control moves at a second different sensitivity in accordance with the same physical input.

Wang discloses a control device for three-dimensional (X, Y, Z) movement of a cursor. Wang, abstract. The control device has a first input device 11 for determining movement of the cursor in the X and Y directions, and a second input device 12 for determining a display state change. Wang, Fig. 1; col. 4:47-53. The display state change is either movement of the cursor in the Z direction or a picture change (magnification/reduction, scrolling, brightness change, color change, and rotation). Wang, col. 4:38-47.

As pointed out in the Office Action, second input device can be a control stick 81. Wang, Fig. 8, col. 6:18-21. The Office Action alleges that control stick 81 may be compared with the claimed selector. It is unclear whether the Office Action is comparing the first and second modes with either: (1) two different directions that control stick 81 may be moved, or (2) a first mode being movement by a physical arm of the whole control device and a second mode being movement by a physical finger of control stick 81.

In either case, it is submitted that Wang does not teach or suggest the claimed modes. As previously mentioned, claim 1 recites that the navigation control moves at a first sensitivity in accordance with a physical input in the first navigation mode, and moves at a second different sensitivity in accordance with the same physical input in the second navigation mode. Thus, the *same physical input* (e.g., the same physical arm movement) must produce navigation control movement at different sensitivities depending upon the mode. In contrast, moving control stick 81 in two different directions constitutes two different physical inputs (one in one direction, another in a different direction). And moving the whole control device in Wang versus moving control stick 81 again constitutes two different physical inputs. Nowhere does Wang teach or suggest that the same physical input can result in navigation control movement at different sensitivities depending upon a selector mode, as claimed.

For at least these reasons, it is submitted that claim 1 is allowable over Wang.

Independent claims 37 and 45 are also allowable for at least similar reasons as discussed above with regard to claim 1.

The dependent claims are also allowable by virtue of depending from allowable independent claims, and further in view of the additional features recited therein. Moreover, the attempted addition of Griffin does not overcome the above-discussed deficiencies of Wang.

All rejections having been addressed, Applicant submits that the present application is in condition for allowance, and notice to that effect is respectfully requested. Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the number below.

Respectfully submitted,

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